

4th GRADE HANDBOOK



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Class Dojo

Dear 4th Grade Families,

WELCOME TO FOURTH GRADE! This year I hope you will have many positive experiences. This handbook is designed to help you become familiar with certain goals, practices, and procedures for fourth grade. Please keep it handy all year to help answer any questions you may have. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to discuss them with me. I encourage open communication. As a team, I hope to create the best possible school year for your child.

A

Absences

If your child is absent, please call the office. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more specifics on absent work.

Accountability

You are growing up! Fourth grade will bring many exciting and challenging times. My job is to hold you accountable for the work that you will do throughout the year. I expect you to finish what you start, and I am here to help you along the way.

B

Behavior

Our elementary school uses PBIS to focus on positive behavior. Our theme is ROAR(respect, organization, attitude, responsibility). All students will receive instructions on expected behaviors. In elementary classrooms, we have color coded behavior charts that your child can move up and down on.

Birthdays

We will celebrate many birthdays in our class this year. If you would like to bring in a pre-packaged snack to share with the class for your birthday, please let me know at least one day in advance so that we can plan for it.

C

Class Dojo

This year Edinburg Elementary will be using Class Dojo for communication. Dojo points are given for a variety of reasons and encourage children to work hard and participate fully. In order to set up from the website, iOS or Android, you'll need to have a student code for your child. If you have not received your code please contact me.

CHECK OVER BIN FOR MATH

*Students can take advantage of the “math pre-check” bin. If students finish their math assignment before the end of the day and turn it into the bin, I will pre-check it for them. If students need to correct a problem, it will be circled in red. If students do not have any corrections to be made before the next day, it will say “ok” at the top of the page in red ink. Students **MUST** still bring their math back the next day to turn in for a grade!*

This system is to help them look at math problems again, if need be, and to reduce the stress of math homework at home. If you do not see any red circles or a red OK on your child's paper, they did not turn it into the “check over bin” and I did not see it that day and would like you to check it over with them.

CHROMEBOOKS- Your child has been issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the year. Chromebooks will stay at school.

D

Dress Code

Please refer to the student handbook for our school's dress code. K-4 students need to avoid wearing flip flops or slides because they can be dangerous on the playgrounds!

Deodorant- Students are asked to bring a stick of deodorant with them to school. We will use it after PE.

E

E-Mail

You may contact me via the school email at any time. I try to check it several times during the day. My email address is jgreenwood@ecusd4.com. You may also call me at 623-5733.

F

Field Trips

When a field trip is planned, information will be given a later date.

G

Gym

Students will go to the gym every day for PE. Fourth grade will participate with fifth grade. Your child must have tennis shoes to participate. Please send in a pair of tennis shoes for your child to leave at school.

Grading

I follow the student handbook. Students are expected to turn in work on time. If it is late one day I take off 20 points. Students will receive a '0' if they don't turn it in after the 2nd day.

H

Homework Policy

First, I'd like to tell you my definition of homework. Homework to me is finishing things that they have started with me in class. Students should NOT be bringing home completely blank assignments. If so, that is an indication that they are not using their class time wisely. Students will have weekly vocabulary to study nightly. Homework is an important part of education. Good study skills help develop responsibility and organizational skills that will be used throughout students' lives. Students need to complete the assignment and have it ready for me

on time. Please check the District Student Handbook for assignments turned in late/not turned in policy.

Homework Club

Homework Club is a celebration of the end of the week for 3rd and 4th grade. If a student completes all of his/her homework during the week and turns it in on time, we will have free time for 15-20 minutes for those students on the last day of the week. Students that do not earn free time, will report to another teacher for study hall.

I

Independence

Independence is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. Fourth graders are very capable of doing many things on their own and I encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please encourage them to think through and problem-solve in everyday situations.

Important Papers

All graded papers will be brought home on Friday or the last day of the week.

Jacket

Students may want to keep a light jacket or hoodie in his/her book bag in case they are cold in the classroom.

K

Kindness

We will practice being kind to ourselves and others every day.

L

Library

Your child will go to the library once a week. That day is still to be determined. Please make sure library books are well taken care of and returned on time.

M

Mornings

Please make sure to have your child to school on time. I do lunch count and attendance first thing in the morning. Being late can be a big disruption for students and affect your child's academic growth.

N

Newsletter

It will include important dates, reminders, and classroom information.

No Toys

Students should not bring toys to school.

O

Outdoor Play

We will have recess and PE outside when the weather is favorable. Please make sure to dress your child accordingly.

Organization

We will use a binder and agenda in 4th grade to help with organization. Students should bring home their binder nightly. Inside the binder, you will find their agenda, homework folder and other items. The agenda will have that day's homework assignment listed. Please check your child's agenda each night. Parents need to sign/initial their child's agenda each night. The homework folder will be labeled "keep at home" and "return to school". The papers in the "keep at home" side don't need to be returned. The papers in the "return to school" side should be returned the next day. If ever in doubt, just leave it in the folder and have your child ask me the next day.

P

Parent Involvement

I try to keep my parents informed and involved. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I may also contact you. We will have parent-teacher conferences during the school year.

Q

Questions

Ask your child questions about what he/she is doing in class. Reassure your student that it is fine to ask questions when he/she needs help.

R

Rules

R-Respect: keep hands and feet to yourself, listen to other when they speak

O- Organization: be prepared, keep work areas clean

A-Attitude: try your best, be kind

R- Responsibility: stay on task, keep up with school work

S

Stay connected on ClassDojo!

This year we'll be encouraging positive skills, like perseverance and teamwork, with ClassDojo. We'll also rely on it to communicate with one another: sharing messages, updates, events, and photos from class. It's simple, secure, and gives you a window into their school day! I'd like all families to join me by signing up for a parent account on ClassDojo! You can use it on any device. It's a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, and can also be accessed from your computer at classdojo.com

T

Tests

Your child will be assessed many times throughout the year. Aimsweb assessments are used by the entire school district 3x a year. Reading and Spelling tests will be given on the last day of the week. Test dates will be written in your child's agenda.

U

Unwell Child

If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. If your child has a fever, diarrhea, or is vomiting, he/she needs to stay home for 24 hours. Please check the District Student Handbook for more information. If head lice is found, your child will need to be treated at home and checked by school personnel before returning to the classroom.

V

Volunteers

We will need parent volunteers for our holiday parties and other special activities. We will have a party for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Sign up sheets will be out during Open House.

Vacations

If your child goes on vacation during the school year, they will receive their missed work when they return.

W

Website

Visit the school website at www.ecusd4.com for important information and dates.

X

XtraMath

XtraMath is a math fact fluency website that we will use in class every day. Students will be able to login and practice at home as well. Students that complete the program by mid April will be invited to a celebration party.

Y

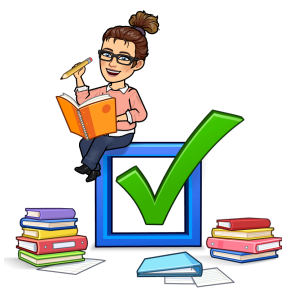
Yes we can!

Please remind your child frequently that he/she CAN DO IT! Remind them that the more they practice something, the better they will become!

Z

ZZZZZZZ's

Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep each night. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful habit that can help your child be alert and ready to learn each day.



HOMEWORK POLICY

Dear Parents and Students,

Homework is an important part of education. Good study skills help develop responsibility and organizational skills that will be used throughout students' lives. The following is the 4th grade homework policy:

Students need to complete the assignments and have the assignments ready for me on time. If a student fails to complete and hand in assignments, he/she will have points deducted from the assignment. Students will receive a "0" if not turned in on the second day. Please keep in mind that this is daily homework NOT absent work.

If students use class time wisely, homework will usually be minimal. The policy is tough and the standards are set high, but I feel confident that each student will do great! Students that complete all required assignments and turn it in on time will be rewarded with free time during Homework Club on the last day of the week. Students that do not complete all required assignments from the week will stay in for study hall during that time.

I am looking forward to an exciting school year!

Mrs. Greenwood

Please sign and return this bottom portion to school as soon as possible.

My student and I have read and discussed the 4th grade homework policy.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Student signature _____